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HENRY PREWITT IN THE RACE

For Chairman Of Democratic
Committees.

Has Strong Backing In Near-
ly All Districts.

Rufus Vansant Will Also Be
Factor In Contest.

IS ONLY A RECEPTIVE CANDIDATE.

With strong support already pledged to him, Henry R. Prewitt, of Mt. Sterling, formerly State Insurance Commissioner, has announced as a candidate for chairman of the Democratic State central and executive committees. Thus far Mr. Prewitt is the only announced candidate.

Rufus Vansant, the millionaire lumber man, of Ashland, will be Mr. Prewitt's opponent for the chairmanship. Mr. Vansant was in Frankfort several days ago and told a personal friend that he was not seeking the place, but if he was chosen as chairman of the State committees he would accept. Mr. Vansant has always been a party man and has fought for the Democratic party at all times. His friends claim that he will be elected with ease.

Mr. Prewitt took time by the forelock in his race and while he went out quietly and without any unnecessary noise, he has already corralled the support of many of the party leaders, and there is a formidable array of those pledged to him. In the First district, Ollie M. James and Charles K. Wheeler and backing Mr. Prewitt's chances. In the Second district, Congressman Owsley Stanley, Jere Woodson and others who are strong there. In the Third district Henry Hines and others. In the Fourth district, Congressman Ben Johnson is for Mr. Prewitt, and the Fifth district will be for him. Judge John M. Lassing and Allie Young, James N. Kehoe and Finley Fogg make a quartet in the eastern half of the State who are favorable to Mr. Prewitt's candidacy. Judge S. W. Hager is also one of his supporters. In the Eighth district Mr. Prewitt's candidacy has been received with approval and he has strong backing in the counties of that district.

Mr. Prewitt has been working for the past two months, and has stolen a march on his opponents, allying with him many of the men who have played so prominent a part in the affairs of the Democratic party in Kentucky during the last eight years. These men are all his personal friends and many of them have been politically friendly to him, so that when he comes out as a candidate for chairman of the State committees, these men are going to support him. Mr. Prewitt will have opposition, although no one has come out against him, but it is certain that there will be two candidates for the place. Mr. Prewitt's friends say that he can beat anybody that is put up.

Mr. Prewitt made a fine report while he was a State official and conducted the affairs of his office with ability. As insurance commissioner he obtained a reputation that was more than State wide, and his ideas and advice were listened to by insurance commissioners of other States.

NEW MANAGER POPULAR.

Howard Johnson is manager of the Frankfort Hotel now, and will have charge of affairs at that place. The and Mr. Johnson will proceed to build up the place. Mr. Johnson is popular in Frankfort and with the traveling public and will make the hotel as popular as he is.

PARDON CASES DELAYED.

While there was a tip out that Gov. Willson would hand down his decision in the Powers and Howard cases on Saturday, it is practically certain that the tip was a bad one. The Governor has not begun to write his opinion in the cases and it will require several days for him to get his opinions in shape to be printed, so it is definitely known that the decision in the famous cases will not come before the middle of next week, if then. It is even intimated here today that the Governor may not decide the cases before he goes to Chicago to attend the Republican National Convention. He will leave here one week from Saturday to go to the convention and the decision may have to wait until he returns from that trip, although he may finish up before that time.

JAIL SENTENCE REMITTED.

Gov. Willson today remitted the jail sentence which was imposed on C. S. Browning, town marshal of Corbin, who was convicted in the Laurel Circuit Court of carrying concealed a deadly weapon. It seems that last summer, during the Laurel county fair, Browning went into Laurel county to arrest an alleged horse thief. He carried a pistol with him and while it was lawful for him to carry the weapon in Corbin he could not go outside the town with the pistol concealed. He was indicted on a charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon and convicted. He has paid the fine.

GOV. BECKHAM MAY
BE A CANDIDATE

FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF
STATE CONVENTION—TO
BEAT STANLEY.

Unless some strong man can be found who can make a fight against Owsley Stanley, Gov. J. C. W. Beckham will be a candidate for temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention, which meets in Lexington next Thursday, it is stated by the friends of Gov. Beckham. From the same source it is learned that the friends of Gov. Beckham expect him to be endorsed in nearly every county in the State, so that he can go to the State Convention with strong support.

It is understood that Gov. Beckham does not want to be a candidate for temporary chairman of the convention and would rather stay on the floor but it is said that the situation now seems to demand that he be a candidate. Mr. Stanley was never friendly to Gov. Beckham and the friends of the former governor do not want Mr. Stanley in the chair. For that reason they will put up their strongest man and that is Gov. Beckham himself. Whether or not he will be able to beat Mr. Stanley is a question which can be decided only after the votes have been cast.

An intimate friend of Gov. Beckham's said yesterday that Gov. Beckham would not take any part in the convention and would not make a fight to control it. He said Gov. Beckham would not have anything to say in the convention and probably would not make any speech although he believed that, if he wanted to do so, Mr. Beckham could dominate the convention and do with it as he wants.

SHANKS WANTS TO
BE COMMITTEEMAN.

SEEKS TO SUCCEED J. NORTON
FITCH IN THE EIGHTH
DISTRICT.

W. H. Shanks, who represented Lincoln county in the Legislature at the last session, is out for the scalp of J. Norton Fitch, member of the Democratic State Executive Committee and there is a deal pending by which Mr. Shanks will get pretty strong backing for the place. Mr. Fitch is a candidate for re-election but Mr. Shanks thinks he can win. He has been over the Eighth district laying his fences and is going to the State convention prepared to make a fight for the place.

Mr. Shanks was one of the leaders on the floor of the House last winter during the Senatorial deadlock and fought for Gov. Beckham to the best of his ability. Whether or not he has the backing of the friends of the former Governor in his race for committeeman is not known here but it is understood that they will be behind him. Mr. Fitch has been committeeman for several years and no kicks have been heard on the way he has conducted the affairs of the party in his district.

MAY CONTEST

County's Vote In
Convention.

Two Delegations May Go To
Lexington.

Opposition To M. J. Meagher
As Committeeman.

DEMOCRATS URGED TO BE PRESENT.

Franklin county may send two delegations to the State convention in Lexington, although every effort is now being made to prevent a fight in the county mass convention which will be held at the court house this afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will not be any scrap over the instructions, as far as the presidential race is concerned, as everybody is for William Jennings Bryan, but the fight will be over the selection of a member of the Democratic State executive committee.

The offer of the Democrats who are opposed to M. J. Meagher, to get behind anybody selected by the other side from a list of twenty to be furnished by what is known as the anti-Beckham faction, was turned down, and unless the unexpected happens, there will be a lively time in the county convention on Saturday.

The friends of Mr. Meagher, who want him to be a member of the State committee, have determined to make a fight for him, and they will want his home county instructed for him, or the delegation made up of men who will favor his candidacy. They have decided to get behind him here and will try to control the convention. Those opposed to Mr. Meagher, for political reasons only, will also go to the county convention prepared for a fight and each side will insist on a fair and square deal. If the losing side is given a fair show, and is beaten squarely, it is probable that they will accept their medicine and not send a contesting delegation, but there is a strong tip out now that the losers will take the fight into the State convention. Each side is prepared to send a contesting delegation.

Democrats from all over Franklin county will be present here today to attend the convention, and the court house will be filled to the doors when the convention is called to order. The Franklin County Democratic Club has covered the county with dodgers calling the attention of the Democrats to the county convention, and urging the importance of every Democrat in the county being present. This will insure a large attendance at the county convention, and will give the Democrats a chance to express their sentiments as regards the delegation to the State convention.

Peace envoys are still working to prevent a split in this county and insure only one delegation, but it seems now that they will not be successful and the question of which delegation is entitled to the vote of Franklin county will have to be determined by the committee on credentials at the State convention.

"Merry Widow" Hats
Now Drug On Market.

MILLINERS CANNOT SELL BIG
CART-WHEELS WHICH WERE
ONCE SO POPULAR.

"Merry Widow" hats, those top-pieces which were wide of brim and which caused so much chatter and spatter in the public prints, are no more. Fashion has decreed that they are not to be worn any longer and the pendulum has swung back the other way. Now the small hat is the

thing and in a short time the cart-wheels contraptions will be relegated to the highways and alleys. Then it will be possible for the preacher to be seen in church and for the moving picture viewer without the aid of a hat. Men will rejoice in the "Merry Widow" is to be banished and he does not have to pay for a hat, but the woman who but recently paid some \$20 for a hat of this kind and peculiar character will not.

Tom Costello, who sells fashionable millinery for a large house in Cincinnati, was here the other night and says the "Merry Widow" is dead; that he cannot sell them any longer and the cry now is for small hats, which are tipped in one direction or another. The jobber is stuck, Mr. Costello says, as he has on hand a large and juicy assortment of the big hats and cannot dispose of them, even at greatly reduced prices. Hats which were sold for \$18 are now selling for \$4.50 and are a drag on the market at that, Mr. Costello says.

Mr. Costello has been on the road for forty years, yet he does not look to be much over forty years old. He is known all over Kentucky which has been his territory for the entire forty years he has been traveling. He made Kentucky towns when he had to travel in stage coaches and before the railroads had made travel easy. Mr. Costello has a base ball nine in his family. He has eight sons and the smallest one of them is six feet tall. Mr. Costello makes the ninth man on the family ball team and they can put up a pretty good game.

OWSLEY STANLEY
FOR CHAIRMAN.

Will Be Candidate For Tem-
porary Officer.

Has Strong Backing From All
Over State.

LEXINGTON CONVENTION NEXT WEEK.

In only a few days the Democrats of the State will gather in Lexington for the convention at which delegates will be sent to the National convention in Denver. The instruction of the delegates is purely a perfunctory affair, as there is no thought or idea except W. J. Bryan, but in the reorganization of the party there is no such unanimous ideas and the main interest in the convention will be the organization of it, and the selection of committeemen.

The selection of a temporary chairman is the first thing on the program, and for the position of temporary chairman, Congressman Owsley Stanley will be a candidate. His name will be presented to the convention as a suitable person to preside over the temporary organization. Mr. Stanley will come with the backing of the First and Second districts, and Congressman Ben Johnson in the Fourth district is also committed to him. This will give him strong support and in addition, he will gather a large number of delegates from the central portion of the State.

Mr. Stanley has devoted a greater part of his time and talents for the last few years to the tobacco movement and he has been the champion of the tobacco planters, not only in his own section of the State, but also in the Burley district. He has spoken in nearly every tobacco growing county in the State, and to the tobacco growers he is an idol. Mr. Stanley has fought for the tobacco growers in Congress, and it has been said that he was the man with one idea, that tobacco and the lifting of the burden which is carried by the tobacco growers of Kentucky. These tobacco men will support Mr. Stanley for the position of chairman of the convention and when his name is mentioned there is certain to be a demonstration that will be almost an ovation.

ROBBINS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mayfield, Ky.—Democrats all over the State have urged Judge J. E. Robbins to permit his name to be presented for temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention, but so far he has refused.

WILL INDORSE

COL. HALDEMAN

For Delegate From State-at-
Large To Denver.

Louisville Democrats Are All
Of One Mind.

W. A. Head and J. W. Vreeland For Committeemen.

BOBBIE BINGHAM GETS HARD JOLT.

(Special Correspondence.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 5.—You can take it from me that the delegation from Louisville to the State convention in Lexington next week will fairly exude harmony. The lines are being laid in advance by the leaders with the active and sympathetic cooperation of the boys in the trenches and when you have them all working that way a unity of mind is bound to follow. When the district convention meets in Lexington, just before the State Convention is called to order, W. O. Head will be elected State Central Committeeman to succeed Mr. John W. Vreeland, who has had a long and successful tenure in that office. Mr. Vreeland will be elected State Executive Committeeman to succeed Mr. Biscoe Hindman. The delegates will name Mr. Vreeland as one of the delegates to the National District, and Judge Walter Lincoln as the other.

Both of these gentlemen will need no instructions as to how to vote for a presidential candidate. Mr. Vreeland was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Democratic Club in Louisville in 1896. If I am not mistaken, the idea of the club was incubated in his mind. Judge Lincoln was one of the first members of the club and it was around this organization that the support of Mr. Bryan centered in the memorial conflict. Col. W. B. Haldeman, at present member of the committees from the state-at-large, will be endorsed by the Louisville delegation as one of the delegates-at-large to the National Convention. It is believed by his many friends that they will have little difficulty in securing strong enough support from the other delegates from out in the State to put him over the plate.

Of the two delegates from the Fifth District to the National Convention, Mr. Vreeland represents the Democracy that has long been in power in Louisville, while Judge Lincoln represents what had come to be known as the Whallen wing of the party. The agreement among the leaders of old Louisville upon Messrs. Vreeland and Lincoln is the first tangible effect of the get-together policy of the Louisville Democracy.

The refusal of Judge Robbins to allow his name to be used as a candidate for temporary chairman of the State Convention is taken to mean that he will support Congressman Stanley for that position. Up to now Mr. Stanley is the only announced candidate. It is believed that Judge Robbins is heartily in sympathy with the movement looking to an entirely harmonious convention at Lexington, and if Mr. Stanley appears to be the choice of the delegates he will endorse him for the position, and give him his active support.

As time wears on some interesting little stories crop out showing the discomfort of some of those who are not in sympathy with the movement to stop all party strife in Louisville. Among the most diverting is one they tell about a visit which R. W. Bingham, Mayor by appointment

of Louisville during a brief and trouble making period, paid to John H. Whallen.

"Colonel," Mr. Bingham is quoted as saying, "I understand that you are now looking in perfect harmony with Bill Haldeman."

"That's true," replied Col. Whallen.

"Do you realize that that eliminates me from the race for Mayor?" Mr. Bingham is reported as saying, with the suspicion of tears in his voice.

"I do," replied Col. Whallen.

Which seemed to be news to Mr. Bingham.

Senator A. S. Bennett holds an uneasy seat as secretary of the Republican State Committee. Just after the State Convention the rules of the party were violated to postpone the election of a secretary for which office Mr. Bennett was a candidate to succeed himself. The postponement was at the request of J. Frank Taylor, a member of the committee, and since then appointed Surveyor of the Port at Louisville. Mr. Taylor at the time said that he had a friend down home who wanted the pace. Mr. Bennett is now wondering just how strong Mr. Taylor will be with the committee in view of the fact that he holds an important Federal office, and that in the recent primary the Federal office holders set in the check all over the State for Mr. Taft.

THE INSIDER.

New Capital Will Be
Ready By November.

FRANK M. ANDREWS SAYS HE
CAN MAKE POSITIVE PROM-
ISE OF THIS.

Kentucky's new capitol will be ready for occupancy by November or Frank M. Andrews, the architect, for the building will start something. When he was here the other day, Mr. Andrews said, regarding the time when the new capitol will be finished and ready for the State officers to move into it:

"I will have it ready by November or there will be something doing."

Mr. Andrews' prediction as to the time for the use of the new building is believed to be accurate and conservative, and it now looks like there is no reason for longed delay in using the building. The marble floors will be laid within the next two months, and by that time the pumping plant will be well under way, so that as soon as the heating and lighting plants are in condition to work there need be nothing to prevent the use of the building. Dr. Ben L. Bruner, Secretary of State, is going to be the first to use the building, as he will move the corporation department of the office into the new capitol as soon as it can possibly be occupied.

Railroads Must Have
Smooth Working Windows.

JUDGMENT OF PULASKI CIRCUIT
COURT AFFIRMED BY THE
COURT OF APPEALS.

The Court of Appeals holds, in an opinion handed down by Judge Carroll, in the case of the C. N. O. & T. P. railroad against Mary Lorton, on appeal from Pulaski county, that a railroad must have its car windows in proper working order. The court lays down the mandate that the car windows and every part of the car must be in such condition as not to be dangerous to the passengers. Mary Lorton was riding on a train the first time in her life, when she was injured. She was a passenger on a train on the Q. & C. from Junction City to Burnside. As she says in her petition, this being her first ride on a train she wanted to see the country through which she passed and had the window up so that she could see the passing landscape. The window was refractory, as car windows frequently are, and would not stay up. It fell twice and a man raised it again each time. Finally it fell for the third time and mashed the woman's hand, which was lying in the window. She brought suit for damages and was given a judgment of \$325, from which the appeal was prosecuted. It was claimed by the railroad that the woman was guilty of contributory negligence, but the court here holds that she was not.